

On the conservation of the name *Neptunea beringiana* (Middendorff, 1848)

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The French circumglobe expedition of the fregate *Venus* (1836-1839) under the commandership of captain A.A. Dupetit-Thouars was one of the first expeditions that visited Kamchatka on August 30 — September 15, 1837 (Chamberlin, 1960).

During the cruise the zoological material was collected by surgeons A. S. Néboux and C.-R. A. Leclanche. The molluscs from the voyage included almost 400 species (over 1500 specimens) and has been deposited in 1840 in Muséum national d'histoire naturelle (MNHN), Paris (Beaumont-Beaupré, de Blainville, de Beaumont, 1840). In 1846 A. Valenciennes (professor of Malacology at that time in the Museum) published 27 plates of very high quality, figuring 86 of the species (at least 62 new names), accompanied by binominal Latin names in the captions in the Atlas of the zoological collections. Later the descriptions of vertebrates were published, but never of the invertebrates. Thus the descriptions of the new species are based solely on figures and are essentially without locality data. Type specimens of several species of molluscs have been identified in the collections of the museum (Lamy, 1922; Fischer-Piette, Beigbeder, 1943).

Among the molluscs from the *Venus* expedition materials there is a species, which is well-known in malacological literature as *Neptunea beringiana* (Middendorff, 1848), and described by Valenciennes (1846) as *Fusus bulbosus* (pl. 5, fig. 2a-2c). Three syntypes, including the figured one (Fig. 1 C) are preserved in MNHN. Type locality — Kamchatka (according to the original label).

Thus the name of Valenciennes appeared to be senior synonym of that of Middendorff. The search in the malacological literature revealed, that the name *Fusus bulbosus* was never used after 1899. According to article 23.9.1.2 of ICZN, if the junior syno-

nym has been used for particular taxon, as its presumed valid name, in at least 25 works, published by at least 10 authors in the immediately preceding 50 years and encompassing a span of not less than 10 years, the prevailing usage must be maintained. The name of Middendorff was used by the following authors (in chronological order):

- Scarlato, 1952: 120 (as *Neptunea satula* var. *beringiana*)
- Ushakov, 1953: 249 (as *satura beringiana*)
- La Rocque, 1953: 216 (as *Chrysodomus saturus beringianus*)
- Golikov, 1961: 999.
- Golikov, 1963: 166-170
- Shikama, Horikoshi, 1963: 82, pl. 124 (as *Neptunea beringiana cordata*)
- Have, Ito, 1965: 64, pl. 22, fig. 2 (as *ventricosa beringiana*).
- Macpherson, 1971: 81.
- Abbott, 1974: 214.
- Goryachev, 1974: 59.
- Goryachev, 1975: 142.
- Golikov, Gulbin, 1977: 194-195.
- Piskunov, 1978: 65.
- Goryachev, 1978: 48-52.
- Piskunov, 1982: 74, 76.
- Petrov, 1982: 45-46.
- Golikov, Scarlato, 1985: 411.
- Titova, 1986: 51.
- Golikov, Goryachev, Kantor, 1987: 769.
- Goryachev, 1987: 60.
- Tiba, Kosuge, 1988: 17-11 — 17-13.
- Gladenkov, Sinelnikova, Titova, 1988: 91-92.
- Abbott, Dance, 1989: 164 (as *Neptunea ventricosa* form *beringiana*)
- Bogdanov, Sirenko, 1993: 41
- Golikov, 1995: 38-39.
- Shuntov, Dulepova, 1995: 367.

Thus both conditions of the Article 23.9.1 are met and we take the action in accordance with this Article, as is required by Article 23.9.2. The name *Tritonium (Fusus) antiquum* var. *beringiana* Middendorff, 1848, thus must be qualified as *nomen protectum*, while the name *Fusus bulbosus* Valenciennes, 1846 must be qualified as *nomen oblitum*.

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Tritonium (Fusus) antiquum var. *beringiana* Middendorff, 1848: 243

Tritonium (Fusus) antiquum var. *beringiana* Middendorff, 1849: 131, Taf. II, Fig. 3, 4 (partim).

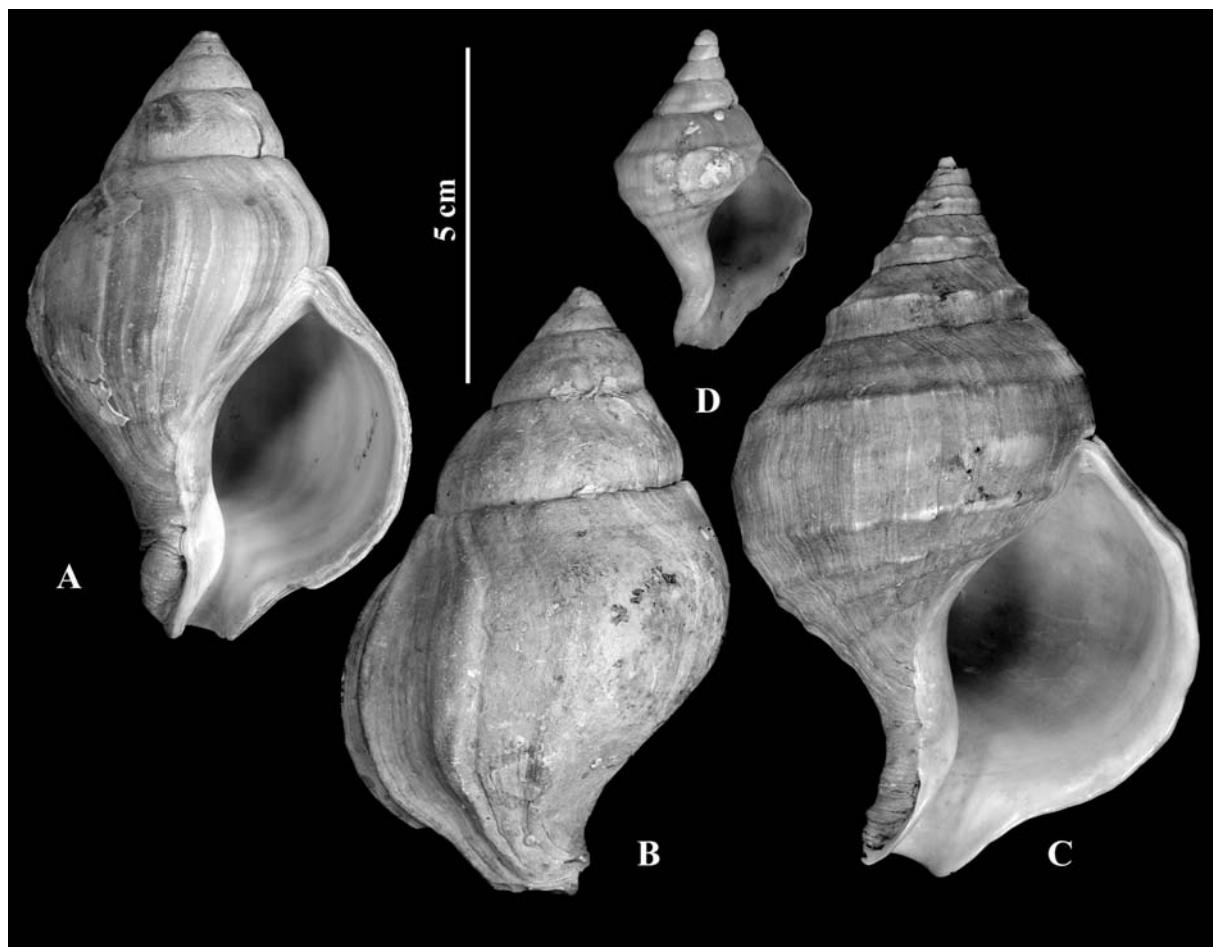


FIG. 1. A-B — syntype of *Tritonium (Fusus) antiquum* var. *behringiana* Middendorff, 1848, Shantar Island, Tugur Bay, Okhotsk Sea, ZIN 13979/3, 90.4 mm. C, D — syntypes of *Fusus bulbosus* Valenciennes, 1846, Kamchatka, MNHN. C — figured syntype, 107 mm. D — 47.6 mm. All shells at the same scale.

РИС. 1. А-В — синтип *Tritonium (Fusus) antiquum* var. *behringiana* Middendorff, 1848, Шантарские острова, залив Тугур, Охотское море, ZIN 13979/3, 90,4 мм. С, Д — синтипы *Fusus bulbosus* Valenciennes, 1846, Камчатка, MNHN. С — иллюстрированный синтип, 107 мм. Д — 47,6 мм. Все раковины в одном масштабе.

6 syntypes of *Neptunea behringiana* are stored in the Zoological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences, St.-Petersburg (ZIN 13977/1, 13978/2, 13979/3) (Fig. 1 A-B). Type locality: Shantar island, Tugur bay, Okhotsk Sea.

The spelling of the specific name needs some comments. Originally Middendorff spelled it as *behringiana*, but in 1849 changed to *beringiana*. The original spelling can not be considered as *incorrect original spelling* (in accordance with the Article 32.5.1 of ICZN) and correspondingly the name *beringiana* can be considered as *incorrect subsequent spelling* (Article 33.1). At the same time, the spelling *beringiana* was in prevailing usage and was attributed to the publication of the original spelling and thus, according to the Article 33.3.1 it is deemed to be a correct original spelling.

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